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SUBJ: ANTICIPATED MOVEMENT OF TURK CYPRIOT POPULATION

1. IT IS INCREASINGLY CLEAR FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH TURKISH AND TURK CYPRIOT CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICIALS HERE THAT THEY ARE DETERMINED TO GET THEIR COMPATRIOTS FROM SOUTH INTO THEIR ZONE OF OCCUPATION. IF THIS CAN NOT BE DONE BY NEGOTIATIONS, THERE WILL BE CONSIDERABLE TEMPTATION RESORT TO FORCE.

2. AS PRACTICAL MATTER, GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL HAVE CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY KEEPING TURK CYPRIOTS IN SOUTHERN REGION. ALREADY, THERE IS SOME LEAKAGE FROM LARNACA AND LIMASSOL AND THIS LIKELY ACCELERATE. IRRESPECTIVE OF WHERE DETAINEES RELEASED, WE ANTICIPATE THAT MOST WILL ATTEMPT MOVE NORTH, UNLESS PREVENTED BY FORCE. LATTER POSSIBILITY WOULD RAISE QUESTION OF JUST HOW SECURE TURKS ARE IN GREEK CYPRIOT AREAS.

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3. BRITISH FACE SIMILAR PROBLEM OF KEEPING TURK CYPRIOTS ON

SBA'S INDEFINITELY, OF FORCING THEM RETURN TO GREEK CYPRIOT CONTROLLED AREAS, OR OF ALLOWING THEM LEAVE ISLAND. IN LATTER CASE, WE ANTICIPATE VAST MAJORITY WOULD QUICKLY RESETTLE IN NORTHERN CYPRUS.

4. TURKS ARE MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR INFLUX. CO-OPS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AND AGRICULTURAL SURVEYS ARE UNDERWAY. PEDNING ARRIVAL MORE PEOPLE, GREEK CYPRIOT FARMS BEING MAINTAINED BY EVKAF (RELIGIOUS CHARITY ORGANIZATION) AND TURK CYPRIOT CENTRAL CO-OP. ALSO, REFUGEES COMING FROM SOUTH ARE BEING GRANTED GREEK PROPERTIES ON WHAT APPEARS TO BE FAIRLY REGULAR BASIS.

5. IT CERTAIN THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL ATTEMPT RESIST THIS TREND AND, UNDOUBTABLY, WILL REFUSE FORMALIZE TRANSFER OF POPULATIONS. HOWEVER, IF OUR READING TURK CYPRIOT FEELINGS IS CORRECT, GREEKS WILL HAVE TO TAKE ACTIVE MEASURES TO PREVENT TURKISH MIGRATION. THE MORE SUCCESSFUL THIS PROGRAM PROVES, THE GREATER WILL BE THE TEMPTATION FOR THE TURKISH MILITARY TO ATTEMPT "RESCUE" THEIR COMPATRIOTS.

6. ONLY APPARENT WAY AVERT A TURKISH USE OF FORCE MAY BE FOR GREEKS AND GREEK CYPRIOTS TO QUIETLY ACQUIESE IN THE INEVITABILITY OF TURKISH MIGRATION, HOPING IT WILL GET THEM A BI-ZONAL FEDERATED, IF ETHNICALLY LARGELY DIVIDED CYPRUS, RATHER THAN PARTITION (DOUBLE ENOSIS). TURKEY COULD EASE THIS ACQUIESECE BY PERMITTING GREEK CYPRIOT RETURN TO NEW CITY OF FAMAGUSTA, PULLING BACK FROM PRESENT LINES OF OCCUPATION, AND OTHERWISE EASING GREEKS' SENSE OF HUMILIATION WHICH WILL MOUNT AGAIN AS TURKISH INTENTIONS BECOME BLATANT.

7. ASSUMING GOTURKEY TRULY CONCERNED OVER WELFARE TURK CYPRIOTS LOCATED IN SOUTH, AND INTERESTED IN DEFINITIVE SETTLEMENT CURRENT CRISIS, TRADE OF PEOPLE FOR TERRITORY WOULD MAKE CONTINUING TURKISH POPULATION TRANSFER EASIER FOR GREEK CYPRIOTS TO ACCEPT AND STILL NEGOTIATE. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER SECOND DENKTASH-CLERIDES MEETING SEPT 11 (SEPTTEL) INDICATES SOME DEGREE OF ACCEPTANCE RE TURK CYPRIOT MIGRATION. CRAWFORD

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